

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Petersburg****Project Title:**

# Petersburg - Airport By-Pass Road - Sandy Beach to Scow Bay

**State Funding Requested: \$ 500,000****House District: 2 - A**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Bypass road for commercial traffic to improve congestion and safety in downtown Petersburg.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$5,000,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Item is \$500,000 for construction of a bypass road for commercial traffic in Petersburg. Petersburg is a waterfront community with only one transportation route to residential and commercial areas south of the community. If this route were blocked the community would be extremely limited in transporting goods and supplies to the main urbanized area and business district of Petersburg. In addition to logistics, a bypass road will improve congestion and safety in downtown Petersburg by re-routing most commercial traffic away from already crowded streets.

The Airport Bypass Road project was started in 2002 when a lower standard, access road was built to install a water distribution pipeline to Scow Bay. This road was built as a single lane, shot rock path. It is not designed to sustain everyday vehicular traffic without large scale improvements. State funding would allow for design and preliminary engineering work.

Petersburg Municipal Power and Light (PMP&L) is currently working to loop the main electrical distribution system along the bypass alignment. In conjunction with this road project, this will enable access to the city's electrical distribution system for development of land along this route. This project is a top priority for Petersburg and will significantly enhance the transportation infrastructure of the community and improve safety in downtown Petersburg for residents and tourists.

**Project Timeline:**

FY09

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

City of Petersburg

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**CITY OF PETERSBURG  
CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST**

**Project Name:** PETERSBURG AIRPORT BYPASS ROAD  
**Project Location:** Petersburg, Alaska  
**Legislative Districts:** House District 2; Senate District A

**Project Description:** The Airport Bypass Road project is important to the City of Petersburg. This project's need is based upon the currently limited transportation routes to residential and commercial areas south of Petersburg. Presently, Nordic Drive and the Mitkof Highway is the only North/South transportation route in Petersburg. If this route were blocked or a bridge on the route was damaged or made impassible by disaster or accident, the community will be extremely limited in its means to transport people, goods and supplies to the main urbanized area and business district of Petersburg. The Airport Bypass Road project provides an alternate route for citizens, businesses and public safety entities in Petersburg. The airport bypass route was started in 2002 when a lower standard, access road was built to install a water distribution pipeline to Scow Bay. This road was built as a single lane, shot rock path. It is not designed to sustain everyday vehicular traffic without large scale improvements. Work is presently in progress by Petersburg Municipal Power and Light (PMP&L) on a project to loop the main electrical distribution system along the bypass alignment. PMP&L will upgrade many of the turnouts along the road's length to install pedestals for underground lines. These pedestals will enable access to the city's electrical distribution system for development of land along this route.

Design engineering for the roadway improvements will be the first phase of this project. The design work could be completed in fiscal year 2009. Construction would follow in subsequent years subject to funding from local, state and federal sources.

**Funding Request:** \$250,000

**Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$5,000,000

**Number of Years to Complete Project:** 3 Years  
Design Engineering - FY 2009  
Construction – Subsequent Fiscal Years

**Sources of Potential Matching Funds:** \$250,000 - City of Petersburg Timber Receipts Fund  
Petersburg Indian Association IRR Funds  
Future Congressional Earmarks

**Prior State Appropriations:** There have been no prior state appropriations for this project.

**Are Funds for this Project in the Governor's Proposed Budget?** No

**Are Federal Funds Being Sought for This Project?** Yes

**Public Review Process & Community Priority:** City officials have submitted narratives and justifications for this project for many years through the CIP and STIP process citing public safety and economic development benefits. The Petersburg City Council re-affirmed a priority for this project at a special meeting held January 27, 2008. Notice of the meeting was given to the local news media. An audio recording of the community consultation, discussion and action at the meeting may be reviewed on the City's website, [www.ci.petersburg.ak.us](http://www.ci.petersburg.ak.us).

**Responsible Party for On-Going Maintenance & Operations Costs:** City of Petersburg

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# CITY OF PETERSBURG

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WRANGELL NARROWS

DOWNTOWN

FREDERICK SOUND

STATE FERRY DOCK

AIRPORT BOUNDARY

AIRPORT BOUNDARY

POST OFFICE

HAUGEN DRIVE

SANDY BEACH

RUNWAY

AIRPORT BOUNDARY

AIRPORT BOUNDARY

MITKOF ISLAND

AIRPORT BYPASS ROAD ALIGNMENT

TONGASS N.

TONGASS N. F.

TONGASS N. F.

SCOW BAY

A.M.L. BARGE TERMINAL

